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## **Taiko Drumming Is a Popular Japanese Export**

**GLENDALE, Ariz.** – Eileen Morgan will be bringing her popular “Japanese Taiko Drumming” to Glendale on Thursday, Oct. 26. She will be performing and lecturing at 7 p.m. in the Roadrunner Room at Foothills Branch Library, 19055 N. 57<sup>th</sup> Ave.

Even though drums have been used for centuries in Japan, the art form of Taiko drumming has been around only since the 1950s. The word “taiko” means big, fat drum. Performers have turned Taiko concerts into visual spectacles by incorporating acrobatic leaps, flashy solos, dance-like coordination, speed and power.

Morgan will incorporate bamboo wind instruments, the mesmerizing Taiko drum and other instruments used by the Japanese people in an exciting production. The audience will learn about the significance, history and uses of these instruments, as well as how the Taiko drum is made.

The whole family will enjoy this free program. Call 623-930-3546 for more information.

“Japanese Taiko Drumming” is part of the “East of the Sun, West of the Moon” series. Partial funding for the series was granted by the Arizona State Library, Archives and Public Records Agency under the Library Services and Technology Act, which is administered by the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

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